

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1346
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mary Katherine Mercer,
2006 Salutatorian of Sweetwater High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mary Katherine Mercer is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Sweetwater High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Mercer has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Mary has earned an exemplary 3.97 grade point average while participating in several extracurricular activities, including holding memberships in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Taking a Right Stand, which she served as President, Prom Committee, Wildcat Club, FCCLA, HOSA, the Environmental Club, 4-H, DECA, Future Farmers of America, and Beta Club, and serving as a valued member of the track and field team, the swim team, standing as Captain, and the cross country team, for which she also stood as Captain; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mary was chosen to serve on the 2005 Teen Board of Knoxville, garnered the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, gained recognition in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, was listed on the National Honor Roll, earned both the Belmont Merit Scholarship and the Hope Scholarship, and was named as an Academic Achiever by the *Knoxville News Sentinel*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mercer's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Mary's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dane and Kim Mercer, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mercer's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Sweetwater High School Salutatorian, Mary Katherine Mercer, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.